

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims:

1. (currently amended) A portable computer, comprising:
 - a base portion with a keyboard;
 - an electronic display connected to the base portion; and
 - a camera stored in the base portion of the portable computer, wherein the camera automatically powers on as the camera is ~~when~~ ejected from the base portion of the portable computer.
2. (original) The portable computer of claim 1 wherein the camera automatically powers off when inserted into the base portion.
3. (original) The portable computer of claim 1 further comprising an elongated mounting member connected to the camera.
4. (original) The portable computer of claim 3 wherein the mounting member has a cyclindrical shape and provides electrical communication between the camera and the base portion.
5. (original) The portable computer of claim 1 further comprising a mounting member that mechanically and electrically couples the camera to the base portion.
6. (original) The portable computer of claim 5, wherein one end of the camera is connected to the mounting member, the camera being movable about two different axes while connected to the mounting member.
7. (original) The portable computer of claim 1 wherein the base portion comprises a cavity, and the camera is stored inside the cavity.

8. (original) The portable computer of claim 7 wherein the cavity is formed in a side of the base portion.

9. (original) The portable computer of claim 1 wherein:

the camera is movable between a storage position disposed inside the base portion and an ejected position disposed outside of the base portion, the camera being mechanically connected to the portable computer while in the ejected position; and

the camera is movable about two different axes while in the ejected position.

10. (currently amended) A method, comprising:

automatically powering a camera on while ejecting the camera from inside a cavity located in a computer; and

automatically powering the camera off while inserting the camera into the cavity of the computer.

11. (original) The method of claim 9 further comprising activating a switch located inside the computer while ejecting the camera from the computer to perform said automatically powering the camera on.

12. (original) The method of claim 11 further comprising activating the switch located inside the computer while inserting the camera into the computer to perform said automatically powering the camera off.

13. (original) The method of claim 9 further comprising inserting said camera into a cavity in the computer so an outer surface of the camera forms an exterior surface of the computer.

14. (original) The method of claim 9 further comprising removing the camera from mechanical attachment to the computer, and transmitting a wireless signal from the camera to the computer.

15. (currently amended) A video conference system, comprising:

a computer; and

a camera movable between a first position and a second position, wherein the camera is enclosed inside ~~disposed in~~ the computer in the first position and is ejected to be mechanically detached from the computer in the second position, the camera being electrically coupled to the computer in the second position, wherein the camera is in a power-off state while enclosed inside the computer in the first position and automatically transitions to a power-on state as the camera is ejected and physically moves from the first position inside the computer to the second position being mechanically detached from the computer.

16. (original) The video conference system of claim 15 wherein the camera has a housing that is completely disposed inside a cavity in the computer in the first position such that the housing forms an exterior surface of the computer.

17. (original) The video conference system of claim 15 wherein the camera transmits wireless signals to the computer while in the second position.

18. (original) The video conference system of claim 15 wherein the computer further comprises a mounting member, wherein the mounting member is disposed inside the computer in the first position and extends outwardly from the computer in the second position.

19. (original) The video conference system of claim 18 wherein the camera is mechanically connected to the mounting member while in the first position.

20. (canceled).